

San Giovanni della Pigna



San Giovanni della Pigna is church in Rome dedicated to St John the Baptist.

History

The appellation comes from the large bronze pinecone that stood at one of the ancient Roman monuments in the area; it is now in the Cortile della Pigna in the Vatican.

The church is mentioned in 10th century sources, and may even be older than that. The original church was dedicated to the saints and martyrs Eleuterus and Genesius of Rome. According to tradition their relics were placed under the alter. In 1591 the relics of Pope Eleuterus were moved to Santa Susanna.

In 1577, Pope Gregory XIII gave it to the "Company of Piety toward Prisoners".

The old church was replaced in the second half of the 17th century (1624) by a new building designed by Angelo Torrone. The church belonged for centuries to *Arciconfraternita dei Carcerati* a brotherhood providing assistance to prisoners. The decoration of the church has several references to the fir-cone. The side is decorated with a fine XVIIIth century fresco.

Interior

A small church that seats only 64 people.

The main altarpiece is *San Giovanni Battista* by Baldassarre Croce.

Burials:

Two members of the Porcari family are buried here; Stephen Porcari was executed here in 1453 on the orders of Pope Nicholas V for organizing a plot to establish a republic.

There are also many burial monuments from the original church.

Location:

Address 51 Vicolo della Minerva / Piazza della Pigna, 00186 Roma

Coordinates: [41°53'50"N 12°28'40"E](#)

Info:

Contacts

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Opening times

Every day before or after the Mass

closed on Holidays

closed in August

Masses:

Weekdays 8.00am 6.00pm

a day before a holiday 6.00pm

Links:

http://romanchurches.wikia.com/wiki/San_Giovanni_della_Pigna

http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=it&u=http://www.romaspqr.it/ROMA/CHIESE/Altre_Chiese/s_giovanni_pigna.htm&ei=2Gq6SfLUA9TFtgeDk-ziDw&sa=X&oi=translate&resnum=10&ct=result&prev=/search%3Fq%3DSan%2BGiovanni%2Bdella%2BPigna%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DG

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